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Aloha, Charter Commission Members:

I propose that a new section be added to Article II (Powers of the County), as follows:

Section 2.03. It is the policy of the County that in the exercise of powers all County officials and agencies shall adhere to the letter and spirit of the declaration of policy and intent in Hawaii Revised Statutes 92-1: "In a democracy, the people are vested with the ultimate decision-making power. Governmental agencies exist to aid the people in the formation and conduct of public policy. Opening up the governmental processes to public scrutiny and participation is the only viable and reasonable method of protecting the public's interest. Therefore, the legislature declares that it is the policy of this state that the formation and conduct of public policy - the discussions, deliberations, decisions, and action of governmental agencies - shall be conducted as openly as possible."

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